REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	24 October 1997
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	T&A#1 2 The Maxx
Other Known Titles:	T&A 2 The Maxx #1
Director:	Not Stated
Producer:	Not Stated
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	CD-ROM (film)
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: No running time can be reliably provided for this CD-ROM (film). The CD-ROM has been considered as a "film" under the definition of film specified in the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, because it records moving visual images in some of its directories. However, because the moving visual images are either video loops, partial animations or animations that occur as part of video games, the running time of the CD-ROM cannot be accurately or meaningfully recorded, and is therefore not applicable.

Feature:	Running time:	N/A
Trailers:	Running time:	N/A
	Total Running time:	N/A

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The CD-ROM (film) entitled *T&A#1 2 The Maxx* is classified as: Objectionable.

The CD-ROM is a collection of sexual material primarily intended for male viewers, assembled so that it can be used in operating a bulletin board. This is the purpose for which the owner submits he is using the publication. The material varies from soft 'pin-up' style photographic images of women, and simple computer games with sexual themes, to very harsh and intense photographic and animated video images of people engaged in a wide range of sexual acts.

Some of the images made available in the CD-ROM are depictions of schoolgirls posing sexually, sexual partners urinating over each other, and women being tied up and subjected to sexual conduct against their will or appearing to be in pain and distress. Therefore the publication tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes, the use of violence and coercion to compel women to submit to sexual conduct, and the use of urine in association with sexual conduct.

If the *ASIA, ANIMATED* and *WCNB* directories containing this material were removed, the CD-ROM would still contain material to render it objectionable. The *3WNO, LESB* and *XR* directories contain concentrated sexual images that degrade, demean and dehumanise women. The overall manner of these directories represents that women are inherently inferior as a class of persons. With these directories intact the dominant effect of the publication is degrading and dehumanising sexual representations of women. The colloquial file descriptions associated with these directories contribute to this dominant effect.

If the *3WNO, LESB* and *XR* directories were removed, along with the *ASIA, ANIMATED* and *WCNB* directories, and all file listings and references to these directories, the remaining material could be made available. In consideration of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act), the Classification Office therefore offered excisions to remove the objectionable parts of the publication, and to restrict the remaining material to persons over the age of 18, which would be a justified limitation on the freedoms detailed in s14 of the NZBR Act, in terms of s5 of the NZBR Act. If the excisions were not agreed to as specified, *T&A#1 2 The Maxx* would be classified as objectionable.

The owner was given notice of this, but failed to confirm their agreement with the excisions within the given period.

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